

**Remarks**

Claims 1-19 and 23-38 are pending in the application. Claims 1-5, 7-11, 13-16, and 23 are withdrawn.

The action states that claims 1-22 were pending in the application at the time the restriction requirement was issued. Claims 1 to 19 and 23 were pending in the application at that time as a result of Applicant's amendment dated June 3, 2005, and all amendments and remarks made herein are based on the amended claims.

Applicant hereby elects Group III claims, claims 6, 12, 19 and 24-30, drawn to a peptide of Formula Ia, as defined in claim 6 in which X<sub>9</sub> is methionine or a modified methionine or a modified cysteine, and to pharmaceutical composition comprising a said peptide, a peptide comprising the sequence of SEQ ID NO:2, and Group X claims, claims 17, 18 and 31-38 drawn to a method of stimulating bone growth or treating osteoporosis in a mammal comprising administering to the mammal a said peptide.

Applicant chooses the polypeptide having SEQ ID NO:2 from among those claimed in claim 6.

As elected Group III and Group X claims are together directed to a product and a process (method) of using the product, as set out in the paragraph bridging pages 3 and 4 of the action, Applicant believes the elected claims satisfy the requirement for unity of invention of an international application, and that the election is therefore proper.

***Claim Amendments***

New dependent claims 24-26 specifically require the presence of elements listed as optional in parent claims.

Claim 19, directed to a pharmaceutical composition, has been amended to depend from elected claim 6, and new dependent composition claims 27 to 30 have been added.

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Claim 17, directed to a method of stimulating bone growth, has been amended to depend from elected claim 6, and new dependent method claims 31 to 34 have been added.

Claim 18, directed to a method of treating osteoporosis, has been amended to depend from elected claim 6, and new dependent method claims 35 to 38 have been added.

A request for extension of time for filing this response is being submitted with this response.

Please charge any fees which may be required for the papers being filed with this letter to Deposit Account No. 502651.

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